GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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GROWTH RATE OF INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS .
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) The details of the growth of the export of the industrial goods for the last two years and the current year;

(b) The impact on the employment opportunities in the country particularly in the State of Karnataka; and

(c) The steps proposed to be taken to help the export-oriented industries to achieve and sustain a higher growth rate?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.367 FOR ANSWER ON 22ND AUGUST, 2006 REGARDING "GROWTH RATE OF INDUSTRIAL EXPORTS "

(a) The details of value and percentage growth in exports of industrial goods

(by some major sectors) during the last two years are given below. Sector-wise information for the current year is not available.

(b) No firm estimates are available of employment generated through exports. However, according to the findings of a study conducted by the Research & Information System for Non-Aligned Countries (RIS), the total employment in the export sector was 16 million in 2004-05 of which 9 million was direct employment and 7 million was indirect employment. There are no estimates of employment opportunities created through exports state-wise, including in the State of Karnataka.

(c) Export Promotion is a constant endeavour of the Government. A number of initiatives have been taken recently to further boost exports. These inter-alia include bringing into force the SEZ Act, 2005 with effect from 10th February,2006, giving a major thrust to procedural simplification to reduce transaction cost of exporters and signing regional trade agreements to leverage exports in line with India's comparative advantage. Besides, a number of fresh initiatives have been taken in the Foreign Trade Policy (2006-07), which include, Focus Product scheme, Focus Market scheme, Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojna, Duty Free Import Authorisation Scheme and a number of measures for Gems & Jewellery sector. The Government also provides assistance to exporters for development of new export markets.